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## Evanston Park Code Amendment Update

Council recently held a Special Council meeting to further consider its input into the proposed land use rezoning (code amendment) at the Vadoulis site located at 550-554 Main North Road Evanston Park.

### Key points:

- Council is not confined to the current consultation period in providing a submission
- Council will consult with our community on this matter
- Our submission will be powerful and comprehensive, yet fair

Council intends to put in a powerful and comprehensive submission once all information is available to ensure an informed response.

The landowner, via their consultants, Future Urban, is seeking to have the land rezoned from General Neighbourhood to Employment to facilitate further commercial development of the site.

The rezoning is currently proceeding through public consultation and submissions need to be forwarded to the proponent by 12 March.

Council at its meeting considered various matters regarding the current and intended processing of the rezoning proposal, in light of correspondence that the local member Tony Piccolo received from the Hon Nick Champion Minister for Planning dated 6 March 2023, that was forwarded to Mayor Redman and Council Members.

The Minister has clarified his expectation in respect to Council's involvement and managing its own community engagement process.

Mayor Redman confirmed that 'based on the Minister's advice, Council will now, separately from the proponent, engage with our community in finalising our response.

Therefore, Council will now lodge a further preliminary submission within the current consultation period. It will note that Council is undertaking further assessment of a number of key issues including stormwater, traffic, tree management and associated infrastructure, with the expectation of completion of this work by the end of March 2023.

Further, Council will after the completion of the current consultation process, consider the community feedback received and the proponents responses to the issues raised (expected late March 2023), including the possible application of a Land Management Agreement to manage offsite infrastructure requirements and contributions.

This information will inform Council's final draft submission to the proposed rezoning, which will then be released by Council to our community for consultation.

Mayor Redman states 'this process will provide a further opportunity for our community to inform Council's final submission as an informed, fair and powerful response'.

It is anticipated that Council will release its draft submission for public comment in mid-April.

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